

REMARKS

By way of the above amendment, Applicant is presenting claims which are believed to particularly point out claimed ranges of particulate additives along with stated improvements of scalping of essential oils and water vapor transmission rates. Additionally, Applicant would submit that the art is silent as to recognition of the loading levels of inorganic additives as set forth in the claims for the purpose of reducing the scalping of essential oils. To the extent the art is silent with regard to the levels of additives as well as the benefits of including the additives within a layer prone to scalping, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentable over the cited art.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,
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